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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Parikha S. Mehta

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 July 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-16 and 18-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-16 and 18-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 8-16 and 18-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 9 and 16 objected to for containing grammatical errors. Claims 9 and 16 recite "... wherein said medical apparatus is an angiography...". Examiner suggest that claims 9 and 16 be amended to instead recite "... wherein said medical apparatus is an angiography system...". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 8-16 and 18-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cantoni (US Patent No. 6,115,486), hereinafter Cantoni ('486).

Regarding claims 8, 10-12 and 15, Cantoni ('486) discloses an imaging method and system including steps and means for a) establishing a digital conversion device (A/D converter) to convert analog medical image signals into digital image data compliant with DICOM format, wherein the A/D converter has a capture unit and a storage unit, b) establishing a remote device for remotely accessing a medical imaging apparatus, sending a DICOM control command to the digital conversion device, c) transferring the analog image signals to digital image data, and d) controlling the A/D converter to perform capture, storage or transmission of the image data (Fig. 3, col. 3 line 55 – col. 4 line 5). Cantoni ('486) provides a server connected to the A/D converter, wherein the remote device is connected to the A/D converter via the server (col. 4 lines 14-21).

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Regarding claims 9 and 16, Cantoni ('486) discloses that the system includes an X-ray imager for angiography (col. 4 lines 14-16, col. 4 lines 59-63).

Regarding claims 13 and 14, the remote device of Cantoni ('486) receives and stores digital image data (col. 3 line 65 – col. 4 line 5). The remote device of Cantoni ('486) must necessarily be capable of communicating with the A/D converter to control at least transmission of the data, as the reference invention would not be operable otherwise.

Regarding claim 18, Cantoni ('486) discloses that the A/D converter also includes an image capturing unit, a storage unit, and a network interface unit (col. 3 lines 55-col. 4 line 1).

Regarding claim 19, Cantoni ('486) discloses that the server comprises a program storage unit, a processing unit connected to the storage unit, and a network interface unit capable of connecting to the digital conversion device (col. 4 lines 24-47).

Regarding claims 20-22, Cantoni ('486) discloses that the remote device comprises a memory unit, a processing unit, a network interface unit, and a display unit (col. 4 lines 14-52).

Regarding claim 23, the system of Cantoni ('486) includes a medium duplicating unit that is capable of duplicating the digital image data into a medium format (col. 4 lines 34-36), wherein the term "medium" is interpreted to mean "something on which information can be stored" (Merriam Webster online, <http://www.m-w.com>).

Regarding claim 24, the digital conversion device of Cantoni ('486) must inherently include an operation interface unit, as it would not be operable otherwise.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Parikha S. Mehta whose telephone number is 571.272.3248. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8 - 4:30pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on 571.272.4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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